

The severall  
ORDINANCES and DECLARATIONS  
OF THE  
LORDS and COMMONS  
Assembled in  
PARLIAMENT.

- 1 For the abolishing of Archbishops and Bishops within the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, and for selling of their Lands and Possessions upon Trustees for the use of the Common-wealth.
- 2 For securing of all those that shall advance the Two Hundred Thousand Pound for the service of the *State*.
- 3 For the Payment of the said Two hundred thousand Pound to our Brethren of *Scotland*.
- 4 For the selling of the Lands of all the Bishops in the Kingdome of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, for the service of the Common-wealth.

With Instructions for the Comptroller, the Contractors, the Surveyors, and the Register: As also the Names of all the Trustees and Contractors, for the speedy execution of the same.

Die Lunæ 27 Novemb. 1646.

IT is this day Ordered by the Lords in Parliament assembled, That the severall Ordinances Printed for the sale of the Bishops Lands, shall bee called in; And that the Trustees therein mentioned, or the major part of them shall take care for the true Printing thereof, according to the said Ordinances, any Order whatsoever notwithstanding.  
Joh. Browne Cleric. Parliamentarii.

London, Printed for John Bellamy, 1646.

THE  
COMMONS  
OF GREAT BRITAIN

IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

DO PASS AN ACT

TO AMEND THE

LAW RELATIVE TO

THE

REGISTRATION OF



*Die Veneris, 9. Octob. 1646.*

**An Ordinance of Parliament, for the abolishing  
of Archbishops and Bishops, within the King-  
dome of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, and  
for setting of their Lands and Possessions upon Tru-  
stees for the use of the Common-wealth.**



Or the abolishing of Archbishops and Bi-  
shops, and providing for the payment  
of the just and necessary debts of the King-  
dome, into which the same hath been drawn  
by a War, mainly promoted by and in  
favour of the said Archbishops, and Bishops, and other  
their Adherents, and Dependents; Bee it Ordained,  
and it is Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Par-  
liament assembled, and by the Authority of the same;  
That the Name, Title, Stile and Dignity of Archbishop  
of *Canterbury*, Archbishop of *Tork*, Bishop of *Win-  
chester*, Bishop of *Duresme*, and of all other Bishops  
of any Bishopricks within the Kingdome of *England*,  
and Dominion of *Wales*; bee from and after the  
fifth day of *September*, in the yeare of our Lord God  
1646, wholly abolished and taken away, and are  
hereby abolished and taken away. And all and every  
person and persons are and bee thenceforth disabled to  
hold the place, function or stile of Archbishop or Bishop  
of any Church, Sea, or Diocesse now established or  
erected, or hereafter to bee established or erected with-  
in the Kingdome of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or  
Towne of *Berwick*, or to use or put in ure any Ar-  
chiepiscopall or Episcopall Jurisdiction, or authority, by  
force

force of any Letters Patents from the Crowne, made, or to be made, or by any other Authority whatsoever, any Law, Statute, Usage or Custome to the contrary notwithstanding. And bee it further Ordained, and it is hereby Ordained, That all Counties Palatine, Honors, Mannors, Lordships, Stiles, Circuits, Precincts, Castles, Granges, Messuages, Mills, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Pastures, Parsonages, appropriate Tithes, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, Portions of Tithes, Parsonages, Vicarages, Churches, Chappells, Advowsons, Donatives, Nominations, Rights of Patronage and Presentation, Parkes, Woods, Rents, Reversions, Services, Annuities, Franchises, Liberties, Priviledges, Immunities, Rights of Action and of Entry, Interests, Titles of Entry, Conditions, Commons, Courts Leet, and Couits Baron; and all other Possessions and Hereditaments whatsoever, with all and every of their appurtenances of what nature or quality soever they bee, which now are, or at any time within ten yeares before the beginning of this present Parliament, were belonging to the said Archbishops, or Bishops, Archbishopricks, or Bishopricks, or any of them, which they, or any of them had held and enjoyed in the Right of their Archbishopricks, or Bishopricks, Dignities, Offices, or Places respectively; Together with all Charters, Deeds, Books, Accounts, Rolls, and other Writings and Evidences whatsoever, concerning the Premises, or any of them, which doe belong to any the said Archbishops, or Bishops, Archbishopricks, and Bishopricks, are vested and settled, adjudged and deemed to bee, and are hereby in the reall and actuall possession and seisin of *Thomas Adams* Alderman, now Lord Mayor of the City of London, *Sir John Wollaston* Knight, *Sir George Clarke*, Knight,

Knight, *John Langham* Alderman, *John Fowke* Alderman, *James Bunce* Alderman, *William Gibbes* Alderman, *Samuel Avery* Alderman, *Thomas Noell*, *Christopher Packe*, *John Bellamy*, *Edward Hooker*, *Thomas Arnold*, *Richard Glide*, *William Hobson*, *Francis Ash*, *John Babington*, *Laurence Bromfield*, *Alexander Jones*, *John Fones*, *Richard Venner*, *Stephen Estwick*, *Robert Mead*, and *James Story*; their Heires and Assignes; And that they the said *Thomas Adams*, now Lord Major of the City of London, *Sir John Wollaston* Knight, *Sir George Clerke* Knight, *John Langham* Alderman, *John Fowke* Alderman, *James Bunce* Alderman, *William Gibbes* Alderman, *Samuel Avery*, Alderman, *Thomas Noell*, *Christopher Packe*, *John Bellamy*, *Edward Hooker*, *Thomas Arnold*, *Richard Glide*, *William Hobson*, *Francis Ash*, *John Babington*, *Laurence Bromfield*, *Alexander Jones*, *John Fones*, *Richard Venner*, *Stephen Estwick*, *Robert Mead*, and *James Story*, and the Survivor and Survivors of them and their Heires, and Assignes, shall hold all such the premisses as are now held of the King, of the King his Heires and Successors, as of his Mannor of East Greenwich in Fee and Common soccage by fealty, and the Annuall Rents therefore respectively due, and payable within ten yeers last past, before the beginning of this present Parliament, and not in Capite nor by other Tenures or services; and shall hold all and every the premisses which the said Archbishops, and Bishops held of any other, then of the King, by the Rents, and other services therefore due, and of right accustomed; And the said Trustees, their heires, assignes, Farmers, and Tenants, shall also have, hold, and enjoy the premisses, and every of them freed, acquitted and discharged of, and from the payment of Tithes, as fully as the said Archbishops, and Bishops did hold and enjoy, or ought to hold and

and enjoy the same, at any time, during the space of ten Yeares aforementioned, or any time since. And it is further by the same Authority ordained, that the said Trustees shall have power and are authorized, to make, nominate and appoint from time to time, fit and able persons, such as they shall think fit, to survey the premises in any County or Counties of *England* and *Wales*, and to hold Court of surveys, and to demand, receive, and in safe custody to put all the said Charters, deeds, bookes, accompts, rolls, writings, and evidences, that they may be put in such place in the City of *London*, as the said persons before named or the major part of them shall order and appoint; And the said Trustees or any three or more of them as aforesaid are hereby authorized and required to administer an Oath unto all and every the Surveyors, who shall take the same before he shall execute the said place, in these words, *viz.*

*I A. B. doe swear, that I will faithfully and truly, according to my best skill and knowledge, execute the place of a Surveyor, according to the purport of an Ordinance, entitled, An ordinance of Parliament for the abolishing of Archbishops and Bishops within the Kingdome of England and dominion of Wales, and for settling of their Lands and possessions upon Trustees, for the use of the Common-wealth. I shall use my best endeavour and skill to discover the Estates therein mentioned, and every part thereof, which shall bee given me in charge, and to finde out the true values and improvements thereof, and thereof shall make true particulars, according to my best skill and cunning; and the same from time to time deliver in writing close sealed up, unto the said Trustees, or any two of them, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Ordinance, and this I shall justly and faithfully execute, without any gift*



gift or reward, directly or indirectly, from any person or persons whatsoever.

Nevertheless it is declared and ordained, that the said persons before named, their Heires and Assignes shall have and hold the premises and every of them subject to such trusts and confidence as both Houses of Parliament shall appoint, and declare and dispose of the same and the Rents and Profits thereof as the said Houses shall order and appoint; wherein the Lords and Commons doe declare, that due respect shall be had towards such persons and their Assignes as are interested in the premises by vertue of any demise heretofore made; Provided that the said Trustees, their Heires or Assignes shall not avoid any leases made for any Term or estate, not exceeding three lives, or one and twenty yeares in possession, or in such manner as that together with the lease in being shall not exceed three lives or one and twenty yeares; so as the old and accustomed rent and rents, or so much rent and rents, as the ancient and accustomed rent amounteth unto, be reserved payable during the said voidable Terme and Termes or estates, and so as the said leases have not been procured or purchased of any Bishop, since the first day of *December, Anno Domini 1641.* And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Arch bishop or Bishop have at any time since the first day of *December Anno Domini 1641.* made any grant or lease to any person or persons, body Politique or Corporate, of any the Honors, Mannors, Lordships, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any other the premises aforesaid, or any of them in right of their Arch-bishopricks or Bishopricks, the same grant or lease shall be utterly void and of none effect; and the person or persons

as, body politique or Corporate, unto whom the same  
 was made, shall have no benefit thereby; provided and  
 be it ordained, and it is hereby ordained, that if any  
 person or persons, body politique or Corporate, at any  
 ny time or times since the first day of *December*, in the  
 yeare of our Lord God, 1641. who had any grant or  
 lease for one or more life or lives, or any number of  
 yeares of the premisses or any part thereof as is aforesaid  
 and surrendred the same; to the end that he or they  
 might have a new grant or lease granted or made unto  
 him or them, which by this present Ordinance is made  
 voide, and the same was accordingly granted or made  
 unto him or them; That the said person or persons, bo-  
 dy politique or Corporate, who hath so surrendred any  
 such former grant or lease, his and their heires, suc-  
 cessors, Executors, Administrators and Assignes, shall  
 have, hold, possesse and enjoy such time and terme as he  
 or they had in any part of the said premisses by vertue  
 of any such former grant or lease, in such sort and man-  
 ner as he or they should have had, held, and enjoyed the  
 same, if no such surrender had been made, subject never-  
 thelesse to such payments of rent and other services,  
 and such covenants, conditions and agreements as in the  
 said former Grants or Leases were expressed and contain-  
 ed, saving unto all and every person and persons, their  
 heires, executors and administrators, bodies politique  
 and corporate, and their successors, other then the King  
 his heires, and successors, all Archbishops, and Bishops,  
 and other then the founders and donors as founders and  
 donors of and to the said Archbishopricks and Bishop-  
 ricks, and their heires, all such right, title, interest,  
 possession, rights in Law, or equity, entries, annuities,  
 commodities, fees, and other profits which they or any of  
 them



them before the said first day of December, 1641. ought lawfully to have had in, or to the Premises, or any part or parcell thereof, as if this Ordinance had never been had or made; also saving to all such person or persons as have adhered to the Parliament, all such estate as he or they since the first day of *May, An. Dom. 1641.* have forfeited or made forfeitable for non-payment of Rent, or not performing of services to any Bishop or Bishops, except it be in the case of a Lease made utterly void by this Ordinance, by reason the same hath been procured or purchased of any Bishop since the aforesaid first day of *December, Anno Dom. 1641.* and likewise saving to *Philip Earle of Pembroke and Montgomery*, and his Heires, all such right as hee and they have to the Messuage called *Duresme House*, and certaine Stables, late of the possessions of *Thomas Bishop of Duresme*, situate in the Parish of *S. Martins* in the Fields, in the County of *Middlesex*, lately granted by Act of this present Parliament; this present Ordinance, or any thing therein contained in any wise notwithstanding. Provided also, and it is hereby further ordained by the authority aforesaid, that all and singular Revenues, Rents, Issues, Fees, Profits, summes of Money, and allowances whatsoever, as have heretofore been, and now ought to be paid, disposed and allowed unto and for the maintenance of any Grammar-schoole, or Schollers, or for or toward the reparation of any Church, Chappel, High-way, Causeway, Bridges, Schoole-house, Almes-house, or any other charitable or pious use, or for maintaining of any Lecture, or Preachers payable out of any the Premises, or which are chargeable, or ought to issue out of, or to be paid for, or in respect of the said Premises, or any of them, shall

be and continue to be paid and allowed as they were, and have been heretofore, any thing in this present Ordinance to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And it is further Ordained, that the Sheriffe of every County & place who is to attend the respective Courts where any Felony is to be tryed and determined, shall provide and present to the Judge or Judges of such Courts, some able and fit person to do such things as by the office of the Ordinary have been used to be done; which person and persons shall have Authority, and are hereby enjoyned to performe that service in such manner as the respective Ordinaries heretofore have used to doe. Provided also, that all Commissions upon the Statute of charitable uses, shall be valid, though the Bishop be therein omitted, and the other Commissioners shall proceed therein as fully, as they might have heretofore done, when the Bishop was therein named; and that all Issues tryable by the Ordinary or Bishop, shall be tryed by Jury in usuall course.

*John Browne, Cler. Parlamento um.*

*H. Elsyng Cler. Parl. D. Com.*

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Die Martis, 13 October, 1646.

**T**he Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, intending  
to raise the summe of Two hundred thousand Pounds, for  
the present service of the State, for the encouragement of such as  
shall advance any summe for, and towards the same, and to the  
intent they may have notice thereof, doe Declare, That every  
person who hath advanced any Moneys, Plate, or Horses, with  
their Furniture and Armes, upon the Publique Faith, may for  
every summe of Money hee shall further lend, for the advance-  
ment of the said summe, bee secured a like summe more out of  
the Receipt of the Grand Excise in course, and the sale of the  
Bishops Lands, (except Advowsons and Impropriations) which  
shall first happen, together with the Interest, after the rate of Eight  
*l. per centum, per annum,* to be paid every six moneths out of the  
Receipts of the Excise, till Principall and Interest bee fully dis-  
charged. As for example, If there bee owing to any person 100 *l.*  
Principall, which, with Interest due thereupon for three yeares  
past, will make 124 *l.* hee adventuring 124 *l.* more, may bee secu-  
red for the whole 248 *l.* as aforesaid, and so proportionably for  
a greater or lesser summe, and according to the Interest due there-  
upon. And for the more speedy re-imburfing of the said Mony  
secured and lent for the purpose aforesaid, That the said Lands of  
the Bishops; (except before excepted) are estated and made over to  
such Feoffees for the speedy sale thereof, and such Treasurers for  
the Receipt of the Moneys, as may give satisfaction to the Len-  
ders. And the said Lords and Commons doe Declare, That it  
shall and may be lawfull for any person or persons to assigne his  
Right and Interest in any summe or summes of Money owing  
to him upon the Publique Faith, as aforesaid, to any person or  
persons that will advance the like summe, in manner as is before  
expressed.

*Joh. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.*

H. Elfyng Cler. Parl. D. Com.

be and continue to be paid and allowed as they were, and have been heretofore, any thing in this present Ordinance to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And it is further Ordained, that the Sheriffe of every County & place who is to attend the respective Courts where any Felony is to be tryed and determined, shall provide and present to the Judge or Judges of such Courts, some able and fit person to do such things as by the office of the Ordinary have been used to be done; which person and persons shall have Authority, and are hereby enjoyned to performe that service in such manner as the respective Ordinaries heretofore have used to doe. Provided also, that all Commissions upon the Statute of charitable uses, shall be valid, though the Bishop be therein omitted, and the other Commissioners shall proceed therein as fully, as they might have heretofore done, when the Bishop was therein named; and that all Issues tryable by the Ordinary or Bishop, shall be tryed by Jury in usual course.

*John Browne, Cler. Parlamento um.*

*H. Elsyng Cler. Parl. D. Com.*

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*Die*

Die Martis, 13 October, 1646.

**T**He Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, intending to raise the summe of Two hundred thousand Pounds, for the present service of the State, for the encouragement of such as shall advance any summe for, and towards the same, and to the intent they may have notice thereof, doe Declare, That every person who hath advanced any Moneys, Plate, or Horses, with their Furniture and Armes, upon the Publique Faith, may for every summe of Money hee shall further lend, for the advancement of the said summe, bee secured a like summe more out of the Receipt of the Grand Excise in course, and the sale of the Bishops Lands, (except Advowsons and Impropriations) which shall first happen, together with the Interest, after the rate of Eight *l. per centum, per annum*, to be paid every six moneths out of the Receipts of the Excise, till Principall and Interest bee fully discharged. As for example, If there bee owing to any person 100 *l.* Principall, which, with Interest due thereupon for three years past, will make 124 *l.* hee adventuring 124 *l.* more, may bee secured for the whole 248 *l.* as aforesaid, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser summe, and according to the Interest due thereupon. And for the more speedy re-imbursing of the said Mony secured and lent for the purpose aforesaid, That the said Lands of the Bishops; (except before excepted) are estated and made over to such Feoffees for the speedy sale thereof, and such Treasurers for the Receipt of the Moneys, as may give satisfaction to the Lenders. And the said Lords and Commons doe Declare, That it shall and may be lawfull for any person or persons to assigne his Right and Interest in any summe or summes of Money owing to him upon the Publique Faith, as aforesaid, to any person or persons that will advance the like summe, in manner as is before expressed.

*Joh. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.*

*H. Elsynge Cler. Parl. Di. Com.*

Die Sabbath, 14 Novemb. 1646.

**B**E it Declared by the Lords and Commons in Parliament Assembled, That the first Hundred thousand Pounds which shall bee raised, either by the sale of Bishops Lands, or by the Credit of the Ordinances which are passed for that purpose, shall be paid to our Brethren of *Scotland*, upon the Marching of their Army and Forces out of this Kingdome, at such time and place as shall be agreed upon: And the next fifty thousand pounds so raised at the end of three Moneths after the former payment, and Fifty thousand Pounds more raised as aforesaid, at the end of nine Moneths after the first payment: But in case the latter Hundred thousand Pounds shall bee with more speed procured, the same shall be sooner paid unto them, although there be no engagement for a more speedy payment, then at the times formerly expressed.

*M. Elsyng Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.*

**FINIS.**